

Satellite Internet for Remote Areas Program

High-speed internet access can be a valuable tool for the business sector, as it facilitates marketing and communications efforts, and can introduce significant operational efficiencies. NEOnet acknowledges this, and also recognizes that many businesses are located beyond the reach of terrestrial broadband service. The Satellite Internet for Remote Areas Program (SIRA) has been introduced to help rural and remote Northern Ontario businesses and organizations secure high-speed internet access for business purposes.

A) Eligibility

Small- and medium-sized businesses operating on a full-time basis, with minimum annual sales of \$35,000, are eligible. Seasonal businesses, such as tourism operations, are also considered eligible. Non-profit organizations may also apply for assistance. The program is not available to cottagers, private homes or hobby-businesses. For the purposes of this program, the southern boundaries of Northern Ontario are the electoral districts of Parry Sound-Muskoka and Nipissing-Timiskaming.

B) Terms of the Program

Eligible applicants may receive up to 75% of the supported costs of equipment and installation of 2-way high-speed internet service (Ka-band), to a maximum of \$1000. Supported costs include the satellite dish and associated connectivity equipment, and installation fees. ***The service provider chosen must be an authorized Telesat reseller.*** Travel costs incurred by the vendor to install the equipment may also be considered eligible if the business is located more than 50 km from the ***nearest*** satellite equipment provider. Applications for reimbursement for systems installed prior to April 4th 2006 will not be considered. This program is available for a limited time and you may apply for assistance while funds last.

Before you buy: *You are not obliged to follow this two-step process, but we suggest that you do in order to confirm that the costs you are incurring are eligible, and that there are still funds available in the program.*

- i) To ensure that you're eligible for assistance, you may wish to complete and send in the attached application form BEFORE you purchase the equipment. You'll need to select an eligible satellite vendor and secure a quote. If you need help choosing a vendor, NEOnet can provide you with a list of authorized providers. Upon receipt of your application, NEOnet will contact you regarding your eligibility.
- ii) If you are eligible and wish to continue, you may proceed with the installation. You may then send your original receipt and proof of payment to NEOnet for reimbursement as per program guidelines.

C) Instructions for Applicants

The following instructions will help you complete the attached application form. The numbered items correspond to each section on the application form.

1. Small and medium full-time businesses and non-profit corporations are eligible for this program. Hobby- and part time-businesses are not eligible.
2. Include full contact details, including the physical address and/or description of the remote location to which this application will apply.
3. Provide additional details on the remote location, i.e. why it is considered a remote area.
4. Identify a contact person (business reference) at an agency, community organization or institution that will verify your status as a full-time business or non-profit corporation. This could be a bank, a Community Futures Corporation, Chamber of Commerce, trade association, Local Services Board, etc.
5. Provide information on the vendor from whom you have purchased the service. Include a contact name that we may call to verify that you have received the service. If you plan to get monthly internet service from another vendor, provide the name of the business and a phone number.
6. Attach your quotation from the selected satellite service provider and/or vendor.

Send completed applications by mail, fax or e-mail to:

Attention: Sharon Jones
 NEOnet
 124 Third Ave
 Timmins, ON P4N 1C5

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 Phone 705-360-1353 Ext 3
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Application Form: Satellite Internet for Remote Areas Program

Is this application for a (check one)	Registration/Incorporation Information	Admin Use
Small Business <input type="checkbox"/>	Business Information Number -	
Non-profit Corporation <input type="checkbox"/>	Incorporation Number -	
1. Organizational Information		
Name of Organization -		
Description of Business or Organization -		
Number of Employees	Fulltime -	Part time/Seasonal/Casual -
		Total No. -
2. Applicant Information		
Contact Name -		
Physical Address - or location		
Mailing Address -		
Phone -	Email -	
Purpose of internet service –		
3. Details of Remote Area		
Please ensure that you clearly indicate your remoteness as well as nearest large community.		
Name/Description of rural area -		
Is there any other form of high speed internet available in the area?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Do you have road access? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4. Business Reference		
This is someone who knows your business and its location.		
Contact Name -	Organization -	
Phone -	Email -	
5. Satellite Internet Information		
Satellite Equipment Provider-		
Contact Name -		

Mailing Address -		
Phone -		Email -
Name of Internet Service Provider (if different)		

6. Projected Costs		Admin Use
Please attach a quote from your installer		

How did you hear about this program? (Check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Futures Development Corporation | <input type="checkbox"/> Chamber of Commerce |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NEOnet | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Based Network | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business/Trade Association | |

7. Declaration:

I declare that:

- I have read, understood, and agree to comply with the terms and conditions of this program
- I have not (or the organization has not) received any other public sector funding for ka-band satellite internet, and
- To the best of my knowledge, the information in this application is complete and correct.

Print Name	Position
Signature (if emailing this application, insert a scanned signature)	Date

Applications will only be processed if they are complete.

Administration Use Only	Confirmed by	Date
Application File Complete		Date
Receipts and Proof Of Payment Received		Date
Authorization		Date
Application File Closed		Date